EXHIBIT 1

Section 3

Psoriasis

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Psoriasis, which affects 1.5 to 2.0% of the population in western countries, is an hereditary disorder of skin with several clinical expressions—but most typically chronic scaling papules and plaques in a characteristic distribution, largely at sites of repeated minor trauma. The HLA types most frequently associated with psoriasis are HLA-B13, -B16, -B17, -B37, -DR7, and -Cw6.

EPIDEMIOLOGY AND ETIOLOGY

Age One-third of patients before 20 years of age, especially in females

Sex Equal in males and females

Race Low incidence in West Africans, American Indians, and Asiatics

Other Features Multifactorial inheritance. Minor trauma (Koebner's phenomenon, i.e., trauma is followed by new lesions on the traumatized but otherwise normal skin) is a major factor (45% of patients) in eliciting lesions. Certain drugs (systemic corticosteroids, lithium, alcohol, chloroquine), sunlight, stress, and obesity are believed to cause exacerbation of preexisting psoriasis. HIV infection must be considered in patients at risk.

HISTORY

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Duration of Lesions Usually months but may be sudden as in acute guttate psoriasis and generalized pustular psoriasis (von Zumbusch)

Skin Symptoms Pruritus is reasonably common, especially in scalp and anogenital

psoriasis; most often occurs in patients with atopic diathesis.

Constitutional Symptoms Arthritis, fever, and "acute illness" syndrome (weakness, chills, fever) with generalized pustular psoriasis (von Zumbusch)

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Skin Lesions

TYPE

Papules and plaques, sharply marginated with marked silvery-white scale (see Figures 20 to 23 and 25); removal of scale results in the appearance of miniscule blood droplets (Auspitz phenomenon).

COLOR "Salmon pink"

SHAPE Round, oval, polycyclic, annular ARRANGEMENT Zosteriform, arciform, serpiginous, scattered discrete lesions, or erythroderma (diffuse involvement without identifiable borders)

DISTRIBUTION Extent Single lesion or tesions localized to one area (e.g., penis, nails), regional involvement (scalp), generalized or universal (entire skin)

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